

Amendment No. 1 to SB1842

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 13, is amended by deleting the part.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As part of the Institute for Public Service, the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute exists to provide:

(1) Coordination and provision of foreign language skills needed by state government for purposes of industrial recruitment, tourist development, or any other state purpose;

(2) Original research into the most effective methods of foreign language instruction and the dissemination of that knowledge;

(3) Improvement of the language skills and teaching methods of foreign language instructors at all levels in the schools, colleges, and universities of Tennessee; and

(4) Coordination and provision of foreign language instruction to the citizens of this state.

(b) The board of trustees shall hire an executive director to administer the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute. The executive director shall have demonstrated expertise in foreign language or cultural issues and programs. The Institute for Public Service shall hire other staff approved by the advisory committee created pursuant to subsection (c).

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(c) The president of the University of Tennessee, with the approval of the board of trustees, shall create a specific advisory committee to accomplish the purposes of this section pursuant to § 49-9-401(c). The advisory committee shall be the approving authority for hiring decisions for the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute.

(d)

(1) There is created the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute endowment fund within the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer is authorized to accept moneys from any person, association, or corporation wishing to contribute voluntarily to the endowment fund and to invest the moneys for the benefit of the fund pursuant to § 9-4-603.

(3) The income from the endowment fund shall be used solely for the operation and maintenance of the institute as a part of the Institute for Public Service. All interest and earnings on deposit in the fund shall become a part of and remain in the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute endowment fund. No funds in the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute endowment fund shall revert to the state general fund on June 30 of any year, but shall remain available for expenditure in accordance with this part.

(4) Subject to the general appropriations act, all private contributions to the fund shall be matched by the state on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

(e)

(1) The Tennessee Foreign Language Institute shall have its primary location in the state capital.

(2) Nothing in this part shall be construed to prevent the provision or coordination of services at other locations approved by the board.

(f) The Tennessee Foreign Language Institute, through the Institute for Public Service, has the powers necessary to fulfill its mandate, including, but not limited to, the power to:

(1) Contract with colleges and universities to provide foreign language instructional services;

(2) Enter into contracts with colleges and universities to provide for the joint appointment of faculty members from colleges and universities at the institute and for institute personnel, including the executive director, at colleges and universities;

(3) Enter into contracts with elementary and secondary schools to provide foreign language instructional assistance to those schools and their teachers; and

(4) Accept gifts, grants, awards, and other funds from private, government, or other sources.

(g) The Tennessee Foreign Language Institute shall report annually to the board of trustees, which shall include the report in its annual report to the governor pursuant to § 49-9-208.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-401(a), is amended by adding the following language after the last sentence:

The Institute for Public Service shall operate the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute.

SECTION 4. Any funding or grants appropriated or received for use by the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute prior to the effective date of this act shall be transferred to the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Services to effectuate the purposes of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.